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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Title I Accountability Grant

The Michigan Department of Education is responsible for implementing a statewide system of support and technical assistance to Title I schools with the greatest need to improve student achievement. Current components of this system are supported by Title I Regional Assistance Grants to intermediate school districts serving Title I high priority schools and a Title I Technical Assistance Grant to an educational organization.

The Department is proposing that another portion of the statewide system of support and technical assistance be supported by a Title I Accountability Grant to an intermediate school district or regional educational service agency, or a consortium thereof, or an organization representing ISDs/ESAs. This grant would be used to expand and further enhance the current services and technical assistance to Michigan's Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for a Title I Accountability grant to an intermediate school district or regional educational service agency, or a consortium thereof, or an organization representing ISD/ESAs as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 25, 2008.

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Criteria for Title I Accountability Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The State Board of Education has adopted as its strategic goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students." The Title I Accountability Grant assists with this goal and addresses the State Board of Education's priorities and policies.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☒ New ☐ Continuation *(check all that apply)*

The purpose of the Title I Accountability Grant is to expand and enhance Michigan's current statewide system of support and technical assistance for Title I schools with the greatest need to improve student achievement. Professional development, technical assistance, and data driven decision making for educators and administrators are key components of this initiative, as well as, increased capacity, professional development, and technical assistance for targeted populations (i.e., high schools, alternative education, special education, limited English proficiency).

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved NA

☒ Defined in Legislation ☐ Defined in Department's Approved ☒ Proposed by Staff

Thorough understanding of Michigan's current statewide system of support for Title I schools.

Proven history of collaboration and partnerships with the Michigan Department of Education, LEAs and other educational organizations around the area of school improvement.

Focus on providing technical assistance and professional development to ensure that all educators and administrators have the skills they need to effectively increase student achievement.

Focus on data as a critical component of increasing student achievement.

Focus on target populations most at risk of failing to make academic achievement.

Focus on accountability and evaluation of all grant components.

Knowledge and capacity to handle federal funds and reporting.

Ability to oversee these activities and coordinate the work of this grant with other services to Title I high priority schools.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants would be an intermediate school district, regional educational service agency (or a consortium thereof), or an organization representing ISDs/ESAs.

The target population to be served by the grant are all Title I schools failing to make adequate yearly progress for two or more consecutive years, based on achievement data.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount currently available is \$4,248,831. Funds will be awarded to a single recipient through a competitive application process based on the criteria above.

LEGISLATION

Title I, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
SEC. 1003(g) - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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